

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-8 and 10 are considered in the Office Action.

Claims 1-8 and 20 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of the obviousness type double patenting of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,678,068.

Claims 1-8 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Battat et al U.S. Patent No. 5,958,012 (“Battat”).

Reply to §102(e) Rejections

Applicants have amended claim 1 to more particularly describe and distinctly claim the invention. In particular, amended claim 1 recites a printing system including a network, a plurality of output printing devices coupled to the network, each output printing device including status information, a client computer coupled to the network, the client computer adapted to submit a print job to any of the output printing devices, and an application connected to the network, wherein the application is adapted to receive the status information regarding the output printing devices, determine which of the received status information is relevant to the submitted print job, filter the status information to extract the relevant status information, and display the filtered status information. Support for the claim amendments may be found at least at page 5, lines 10-12, page 9, lines 9-33, page 14, lines 3-9, page 16, lines 4-11.

Battat does not describe or suggest the claimed invention. In particular, Battat does not describe or suggest an application that is adapted to receive status information regarding output printing devices, determine which of the received status information is relevant to a submitted print job, filter the status information to extract the relevant status information, and display the filtered status information.

Indeed, Battat does not describe or suggest anything regarding print jobs. In particular, although Battat includes seven references to the word “printer” (Col. 1, line 40; Col. 4, line 53; Col. 11, line 28; Col. 17, line 43; Col. 17, line 51; Col. 18, line 66; Col. 19, line 18), these references merely describe displaying a graphical representation of a physical print device. Battat nowhere describes or suggests anything regarding an actual print job. Because Battat does not describe anything regarding print jobs, Battat

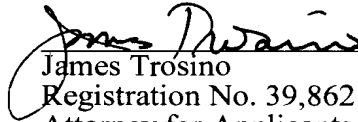
likewise does not describe or suggest anything regarding an application that determines which received status information is relevant to a submitted print job.

Because Battat does not describe or suggest the claimed invention, applicants respectfully request that the § 102(e) rejection of amended claim 1 be withdrawn. Because all other claims depend from claim 1, applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 2-8 and 10 also be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, applicants submit that this application, including claims 1-8 and 10, is allowable. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner allow this application.

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